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in New York City



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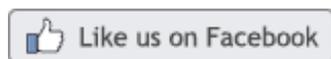
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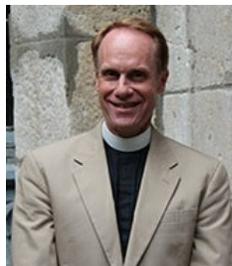


This Sunday @ 10 a.m.
Dissect the "orchestral blending of central Biblical themes" in Dr. King's famous speech, with Dr. Nicholas Birns.

2018 is Here!

January 21, 2018

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany



Dear Friends,

Last Sunday in church I had cause to remember the old television advertising jingle for Brylcreem. Brylcreem was, and I think still is, a men's hair grooming product that was popular before "the dry look" came into fashion in the 1970s. The catchy phrase of the TV commercial was: "Brylcreem! A little dab'll do ya!" The point was, you don't need much in order to slick down your otherwise uncontrollable hair. Just a little dab will do.

The reason I remembered the phrase has nothing to do with anyone's hair or grooming. Rather, it came to mind as I was bearing a chalice at one of our services of Holy Eucharist. As you well know, in the Episcopal Church we use the common cup for the administration of the sacrament. From time to time, especially during cold and flu season, the question is raised about the spread of germs through the use of the common cup. Over the years the church has commissioned numerous studies to address such healthcare concerns. These studies have determined that the use of a clean purificator (the cloth used to wipe the rim of the chalice), the alcohol content of the wine, and the antimicrobial effect of silver all combine to make the spread of germs highly unlikely through sipping from the common cup.

Still, people have worried over the years, and the practice of "intinction" gained in popularity. Those who intinct dip the bread in the wine rather than sipping it

**Please let us hear
from you...**

ALL THINGS
BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL



Grace Church in New York
2018 Annual Campaign

Many thanks to those who have responded to our call to make a pledge for 2018. If you have yet to pledge or make a gift, it is now 2018, so please let us hear from you. Read about pledging by clicking the image above. **Want to make your pledge now?** You may do so [here](#). Questions about pledging? Contact James V. Romanik at 212-254-2005 or [here](#).

***Please pray
for...***

directly from the chalice. Frankly, it is this practice that causes the medical experts concern. Why? Because fingers are a rich source of germs, and are often the culprit in spreading colds and flu among us.

This brings me back to the Brylcreem advertisement. For those who intinct, "a little dab'll do ya!" Last week as I was bearing the chalice, I noticed that some people try to immerse the entire wafer in the wine. Indeed, as they kept lowering the wafer into the wine, I kept lowering the chalice so that their fingers would not touch. Down we went. On one occasion as I was taking the chalice lower and lower, I had to break character and say, "the Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation, you got it!" Stop. That's enough. You will be glad to know that I did refrain from citing the Brylcreem jingle.

Dear Friends: Forgive this little reminder of liturgical manners. The question of the common cup is often raised, and since it is a symbol that is deeply rooted in our tradition, I hope it's helpful to read more about it.

See you in church.

[The Rev. J. Donald Waring](#)

Rector

This Sunday

January 21st

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Girls' Choir with Adults

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

WE WELCOME DR. BARRY ROSE. Our great friend Dr. Rose is conducting the choirs this morning at 9



those who suffer

The Peck Family
Bela Fletcher
Ysanne Spevack
Anthony Nan Qiu
Christopher Mooney
Josephine

*and those who
have died*

and 11 am. Under his direction [THE TENTH ANNUAL CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES](#) will take place at 4 pm today in the Church (see details [here](#) and below).

I'VE BEEN TO THE MOUNTAINTOP – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last speech, "I've Been To The Mountaintop," delivered in Memphis on April 3, 1968 just before his murder, is an astonishing orchestral blending of central Biblical themes, especially the Exodus, the prophets, and the life and mission of Jesus Christ. Join us as we discuss how indispensable a Biblical sense of justice was to Dr. King's ultimate proclamation of good news. Held in the Reception Room; coffee is served. *Led by Parishioner Nicholas Birns, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Literature at NYU School of Professional Studies.*

THE TENTH ANNUAL CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES – Dr. Barry Rose will once again lead the Novice and Junior Choristers in this special annual event that celebrates music for the soprano chorister's voice. Novice Choristers will be "whited" (awarded their surplice) and promoted to Junior Chorister. Works by Attwood, Archer, Bach, Copland, Dr. Rose himself, and others. Sunday Jan 21 at 4 pm in the Church.

2018 WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available at Coffee Hour after the 9 and 11 am services. If you would like envelopes for 2018 and have not yet made a request, *please contact James V. Romanik, Assistant Director of Membership & Communications, [here](#) or at 212-254-2005.*

Coming Soon

JAN. 23 – EVENING BIBLE STUDY FOR THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY – Join Chase and Martha in the Reception Room from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Jan. 16, Jan. 23, Jan. 30, and Feb. 6; come to one session, or come to all! *On Jan 23, we will be discussing Acts 26:9-20.* The Reception Room will be available beginning at

6:15 pm for those who wish to come and chat with friends—or make new ones—before the Bible study begins.

JAN 28 – THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WWI – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM – In 1913, on the eve of the Great War, the opening sermon for the General Convention of the Episcopal Church declared, "Wherever the flag goes, there goes the responsibility of this Church." Those words would shortly be put to the test when the U.S. entered a war unlike any other. How did the 'unofficial national church' interact with this crisis? Held in the Reception Room; coffee is served. Led by seminarian Brandon King.

JAN 28 – NEWCOMERS' CLASS – New people to Grace are warmly invited to our Newcomers Class on Sunday, Jan 28th in the reception room at 12:30 pm. Each session will discuss how to become a member of Grace, as well as this session we will be talking about *Spiritual Practices*, a conversation led by Fr. Chase. We recommend that you attend at least three classes throughout the year, as a way to get acquainted with the clergy, with other new members, and to grow in your faith. *Lunch will be provided, so [RSVP to Martha here](#).*

JAN 28 – NEWCOMERS' CLASS FOR KIDS – Children ages 5+ who are new to Grace Church are invited to their own special class on Sunday, Jan 28th. We will meet in the reception room at 12:30 pm and have lunch with the adults (including their parents) and then go into the church and ask any questions we have about Grace Church. *[RSVP to Martha here](#).*

FEB 3 – DON'T WALK BY – An outreach effort to the homeless in lower Manhattan, "Don't Walk By" is an afternoon/early evening of meeting the people who live on the street and listening for ways to connect them with resources in our community; the day begins with training. Parishioners Mike Watson and Ashleigh Madureira are co-leaders of our team. *For more information or to register, speak with Mike or Ashleigh, or [email Martha here](#).*

FEB 4 – VALUES IN ACTION – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM – Every year the Trinity Institute has a conference, this year the conference theme is "Values in Action," and keynote speakers include Michael Curry, Michelle Alexander, and Pádraig Ó Tuama. The Rev. Martha Korienek is attending this year's conference and will share her thoughts about the conference, as well as what she has learned about how we can all put our values in action.

FEB 4 – THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held in Tuttle Hall on Sunday, Feb 4th, immediately following the 11 am

service. Reports will be given by the Nominating Committee, the Treasurer, the Head of Grace Church School, the Senior Warden, and the Rector. Lunch will be served (\$5 per person suggested donation).

THE VESTRY HAS ACCEPTED THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT and is pleased to announce the following slate of persons to be voted on at our Annual Meeting (Feb 4th, see details above.) For a third two-year term as a Churchwarden: LEONA CHAMBERLIN. For a second three-year term as a Vestry member. HARPER ANDERSON, ANNE RIESELBACH, JASON SLIBECK, ERIK SORENSEN. Many thanks to the committee and to those who have agreed to stand for election.

FEB 4 – YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES – Confirmation classes for youth in grades 7–12 will begin on Sunday, February 4 from 3:15 to 4:15 pm. Further dates are Feb. 11, March 4, March 11, April 8, April 15, April 22, and April 29. Confirmation will be Sunday, June 3 at 11 am. *Parents should contact [the Rev. Chase Danford here](#) by Friday, Feb 1 to register.*

FEB 10 – HABITAT BUILD DAY – We will be partnering with the Islamic community service organization "Who Is Hussain?" to work together on a home in Queens. *For more information or to register, [contact Martha here](#).*

FEB 11 – HOW MUCH FORGIVENESS? – THE SUNDAY FORUM @ 10 AM – In the past 18 months New Yorkers have witnessed three acts of violence that severely test the Christian call to forgiveness: a bombing in Chelsea, a terrorist rampage on the Hudson River bike path, and a shooting near Grace Church School. In each instance the perpetrator of the violence survived, leaving us to wonder how Christians are to regard these individuals. The Rector will lead a panel discussion including parishioners Andrew Blane and Sally Hines. Held in the Reception Room. Coffee is served.

FEB 11 – SHROVE SUNDAY BRUNCH AFTER BOTH MORNING SERVICES -- Come celebrate Shrovetide this year with a fabulous "Mardi Gras" Sunday brunch of pancakes, bacon, eggs and fruit. Held in Tuttle Hall after both the 9 am and 11 am services. \$10 per person/\$20 per family suggested donation at the door.

FEB 11 – HOME COOKED MEAL FOR NYC RESCUE MISSION – On Sunday, Feb 11th we will serve a meal of pot roasts and cupcakes to hundreds of guests at the NYC Rescue Mission. Volunteers are needed to prepare pot roasts and/or cupcakes at

home and to serve the meal at the Mission. We have a super easy and delicious pot roast recipe for you! Please join us in this rewarding volunteer opportunity which is so appreciated by folks at the mission. *To sign up, e-mail Lillie Chance [here](#) or click [here](#).*

FEB 20 – WHAT OUR FAITH SAYS ABOUT RACE, JUSTICE & PERSONHOOD: A LENTEN READING GROUP – Join the Rev. Chase Danford and the Rev. Martha Korienek as we explore the writings of prominent African-American thinkers from the 19th through the 21st centuries. We will meet on Tuesdays from 7–8 pm on Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, and 20. *Email [Chase](#) or [Martha](#) to register or inquire for more information.*

FEB 21 – ADULT BAPTISM CLASSES – Wednesdays in Lent, there will be a class for adults who are interested in being baptized at the Easter Vigil (March 31st at 7pm), 7–8 pm in the Reception Room on 2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28. *To sign up, please [email Martha here](#).*

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